

SHIVERY CHARLES W  
Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SHIVERY CHARLES W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107 SELDEN STREET

(Street)

BERLIN, CT 06037

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chair. of Bd., Pres. & CEO / & Trustee

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |          | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|----------|--|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price    |  |  |   |
| Common Shares, \$5 par value    | 02/10/2005                           | ^  | A                              | 155   | A          | \$ (1)   | 616 (1)  | I  | Bu 401K Trustee                                       |
| Common Shares, \$5 par value    | 01/24/2005                           | ^  | A                              | 984   | A          | \$ 18.89 | 2,103 (2)  | I  | Deferred Comp. Plan                                   |
| Common Shares, \$5              | ^                                    | ^  | ^                              | ^   | ^          | ^        | 73,593 (3)   | D  | ^   |

par value

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)                        | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Options to Purchase                        | Â  | Â                                    | Â  | Â                              | Â   | Date Exercisable: Â<br>Expiration Date: Â (4)            | Title: NU Common Shares,<br>Amount or Number of Shares: 29,024<br>Par Value: \$5 par | Â  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                              |           |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other     |
| SHIVERY CHARLES W<br>C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES<br>107 SELDEN STREET<br>BERLIN, CT 06037 | Â             | Â         | Â Chair. of Bd., Pres. & CEO | & Trustee |

## Signatures

/s/ Charles W. Shivery 02/14/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares held in trust under the Northeast Utilities Service Company 401k Plan, a qualified plan, as of February 10, 2005, according to information supplied by the plan's recordkeeper
- (2)

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Shares (including reinvested dividends) receipt of which has been deferred pursuant to the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives, as of February 10, 2005, according to information supplied by the plan's recordkeeper.

(3) Includes restricted shares and restricted share units.

(4) Includes options previously reported on Form 4.

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